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CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jerzy ZALESKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 46/40 of 6 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 October 1992, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 49 to 65, 68 and 142; and 67 and 69. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and 21st meetings, from 12 to 28 October (see A/C.1/47/PV.3-21). Consideration of draft resolutions on those items took place between the 22nd and 30th meetings, from 29 October to 11 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.22-30). Action on draft resolutions on those items took place between the 31st and 40th meetings, from 12 to 25 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.31-40).

4. The First Committee had no documents before it in connection with item 65.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/47/L.21

5. On 30 October, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, India, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Viet Nam submitted a draft resolution, entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects" (A/C.1/47/L.21), which was later also sponsored by Costa Rica. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Sweden at the 26th meeting, on 5 November.

6. At its 31st meeting, on 12 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.21 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/152 of 19 December 1977, 35/153 of 12 December 1980, 36/93 of 9 December 1981, 37/79 of 9 December 1982, 38/66 of 15 December 1983, 39/56 of 12 December 1984, 40/84 of 12 December 1985, 41/50 of 3 December 1986, 42/30 of 30 November 1987, 43/67 of 7 December 1988, 45/64 of 4 December 1990 and 46/40 of 6 December 1991,

Recalling with satisfaction the adoption, on 10 October 1980, of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, 1/ together with the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), 1/ the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) 1/ and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III), 1/

Reaffirming its conviction that general agreement on the prohibition or restriction of use of specific conventional weapons would significantly reduce the suffering of civilian populations and of combatants,

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1/ See The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, vol. 5: 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII.

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

1. Notes with satisfaction that an increasing number of States have either signed, ratified, accepted or acceded to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, which was opened for signature in New York on 10 April 1981;

2. Also notes with satisfaction that, consequent upon the fulfilment of the conditions set out in article 5 of the Convention, the Convention and the three Protocols annexed thereto entered into force on 2 December 1983;

3. Urges all States that have not yet done so to exert their best endeavours to become parties to the Convention and the Protocols annexed thereto as early as possible, as well as successor States to take appropriate action so as ultimately to obtain universality of adherence;

4. Stresses that, under article 8 of the Convention, conferences may be convened to consider amendments to the Convention or any of the annexed Protocols, to consider additional protocols relating to other categories of conventional weapons not covered by the existing annexed Protocols, or to review the scope and operation of the Convention and the Protocols annexed thereto and to consider any proposal for amendments to the Convention or to the existing Protocols and any proposals for additional protocols relating to other categories of conventional weapons not covered by the existing Protocols;

5. Notes, taking into account the nature of the Convention, the potential of the International Committee of the Red Cross to consider questions pursuant to the Convention;

6. Requests the Secretary-General as depositary of the Convention and its three annexed Protocols to inform the General Assembly from time to time of the state of adherence to the Convention and its Protocols;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jerzy ZALESKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Question of Antarctica" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with its resolutions 46/41 A and B of 6 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 October 1992, the First Committee decided that the general debate, consideration of and action on the draft resolution on item 66 should take place from 23 to 25 November. The deliberations on and consideration of that item took place between the 38th and 40th meetings, from 23 to 25 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.38-40). Action on the draft resolution on that item took place at the 40th meeting, on 25 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.40).

4. In connection with item 66, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of Antarctica (A/47/541);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of Antarctica (A/47/542);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the environment in Antarctica (A/47/624).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/47/L.54

5. On 23 November 1992, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Guinea, Indonesia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen submitted a draft resolution entitled "Question of Antarctica" (A/C.1/47/L.54), which was later also sponsored by Oman. Subsequent to the issuance of the draft resolution, the delegation of Mauritius informed the Secretariat that it had decided to join the list of sponsors of the draft resolution on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Malaysia at the 39th meeting, on 24 November.

6. At its 40th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.54 by a roll-call vote of 71 to none, with 6 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows: 1/

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Portugal, Turkey, Venezuela.

1/ The following 45 States announced that they were not participating in the vote:

Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.

Subsequently, the delegation of Afghanistan indicated that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Question of Antarctica

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Question of Antarctica",

Recalling its resolutions 38/77 of 15 December 1983, 39/152 of 17 December 1984, 40/156 A and B of 16 December 1985, 41/88 A and B of 4 December 1986, 42/46 A and B of 30 November 1987, 43/83 A and B of 7 December 1988, 44/124 A and B of 15 December 1989, 45/78 A and B of 12 December 1990 and 46/41 A and B of 6 December 1991,

Recalling also the relevant paragraphs of the final documents adopted by the second meeting of States of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic, held at Abuja from 25 to 29 June 1990, 2/ the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Istanbul from 4 to 8 August 1991, 3/ the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, held at Harare from 16 to 22 October 1991 4/ and the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992, 5/

Recalling further the Declaration on South Africa adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-eighth ordinary session, held at Dakar from 29 June to 1 July 1992,

Taking into account the debates on this item held since its thirty-eighth session,

Reaffirming the principle that the international community is entitled to information covering all aspects of Antarctica and that the United Nations should be made the repository for all such information in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 41/88 A, 42/46 B, 43/83 A, 44/124 B, 45/78 A and 46/41 A,

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2/ See A/45/474, annex.

3/ A/46/486-S/23055, annex.

4/ A/46/708, annex, para. 44.

5/ A/47/675-S/24816, annex.

Welcoming the decision of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to submit to the Secretary-General the final report of the Sixteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, which took place at Bonn from 7 to 18 October 1991,

Conscious of the particular significance of Antarctica to the international community in terms, inter alia, of international peace and security, environment, its effects on global climate conditions, economy and scientific research,

Conscious also of the interrelationship between Antarctica and the physical, chemical and biological processes that regulate the total Earth system,

Welcoming the increasing recognition of the significant impact that Antarctica exerts on the global environment and ecosystems and of the need for a comprehensive agreement to be negotiated by the international community on the protection and conservation of the Antarctic environment and its dependent and associated ecosystems,

Reiterating the concern over the environmental degradation of Antarctica and its impact on the global environment,

Welcoming the recognition by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, of the value of Antarctica as an area for the conduct of scientific research, in particular research essential to understanding the global environment,

Welcoming also the increasing support, including by some Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, for the establishment of Antarctica as a nature reserve or world park to ensure the protection and conservation of its environment and its dependent and associated ecosystems for the benefit of all mankind,

Welcoming further the ongoing trend in acknowledging the need for internationally coordinated scientific research stations in Antarctica in order to minimize unnecessary duplication and logistical support facilities,

Welcoming further the increasing awareness of an interest in Antarctica shown by the international community, and convinced of the advantages to the whole of mankind of a better knowledge of Antarctica,

Affirming its conviction that, in the interest of all mankind, Antarctica should continue for ever to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and that it should not become the scene or object of international discord,

Reaffirming that the management and use of Antarctica should be conducted in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in the interest of maintaining international peace and security and of promoting international cooperation for the benefit of mankind as a whole,

Convinced of the need for concerted international cooperation in order to protect and safeguard Antarctica and its dependent ecosystems from external environmental disturbances for future generations,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General 6/ on the report of the Sixteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, which took place in Bonn from 7 to 18 October 1991, and on the participation of the apartheid minority regime of South Africa in meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties;

2. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the state of the environment in Antarctica, 7/ and requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of publishing, as official documents of the United Nations, extracts of data received from the various organizations in the preparation of future annual reports, within existing resources;

3. While noting the cooperation of some United Nations specialized agencies and programmes at the Sixteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, expresses its regret that, despite the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General or his representative has not been invited to the meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, and urges once again the Consultative Parties to invite the Secretary-General or his representative to their future meetings;

4. Bearing in mind that the Antarctic Treaty is, by its terms, intended to further the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, with which South Africa has yet to comply fully, calls upon the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to prevent South Africa from participating fully in the meetings of the Consultative Parties pending the attainment of a non-racial democratic government in that country;

5. While welcoming the decision of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to provide information regarding the Sixteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, encourages the Parties to provide to the Secretary-General, on a continuing basis, more information and documents covering all aspects of Antarctica, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on his evaluations thereof to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

6. Welcomes the commitment made by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties under chapter 17 of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 8/ as provided for in article III of the Antarctic Treaty, to continue:

6/ A/47/541 and A/47/542.

7/ A/47/624.

8/ See A/CONF.151/26 (vols. I-III).

(a) To ensure that data and information resulting from scientific research activities conducted in Antarctica are freely available to the international community;

(b) To enhance access of the international scientific community and specialized agencies of the United Nations to such data and information, including the encouragement of periodic seminars and symposia;

7. Urges the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to build on the agreements achieved at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, particularly as noted in paragraph 6 of the present resolution, and, in this connection, actively to explore the possibility of organizing an annual seminar/symposium covering issues relating to the environment, commencing in 1993, with as wide international participation as possible, including that of international organizations such as the United Nations;

8. Urges the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to establish monitoring and implementation mechanisms to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Madrid Protocol on Environmental Protection;

9. Welcoming the ban on prospecting and mining in and around Antarctica for the next fifty years by Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties in accordance with the 1991 Madrid Protocol on Environmental Protection, and reiterates its call for the ban to be made permanent;

10. Reiterates its call that any move at drawing up an international convention to establish a nature reserve or world park in Antarctica and its dependent and associated ecosystems must be negotiated with the full participation of the international community;

11. While welcoming the concrete steps taken by the Secretariat through the publication by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat on Antarctica, reaffirms the need to promote further public awareness of the importance of Antarctica to the ecosystem, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide relevant materials on Antarctica through the Department of Public Information within existing resources;

12. Encourages the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to increase the level of cooperation and collaboration with a view to reducing the number of scientific stations in Antarctica;

13. Urges the international community to ensure that all activities in Antarctica are carried out exclusively for the purpose of peaceful scientific investigation and that all such activities will ensure the maintenance of international peace and security and the protection of the Antarctic environment and are for the benefit of all mankind;

14. Urges all States Members of the United Nations to cooperate with the Secretary-General on matters pertaining to Antarctica and to continue consultations on all aspects relating to the continent;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Question of Antarctica".

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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jerzy ZALESKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 46/42 of 6 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 October 1992, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 49 to 65, 68 and 142; and 67 and 69. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and 21st meetings, from 12 to 28 October (see A/C.1/47/PV.3-21). Consideration of draft resolutions on those items took place between the 22nd and 30th meetings, from 29 October to 11 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.22-30). Action on draft resolutions on items 67 and 69 took place at the 37th meeting, on 20 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.37).

4. In connection with item 67, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (A/47/524);

(b) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/307);

(c) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/310);

(d) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/375-S/24429);

(e) Letter dated 2 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/618-S/24747);

(f) Letter dated 26 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/47/8).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/47/L.46 AND REV.1

5. On 12 November, Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Morocco and Tunisia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" (A/C.1/47/L.46).

6. On 18 November, the sponsors submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/47/L.46/Rev.1), which was introduced by the representative of Algeria at the 37th meeting, on 20 November. The revised draft resolution contained the following changes:

(a) Operative paragraph 5, which had read:

"5. Takes note of the conclusions concerning the Mediterranean of the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992"

was revised to read:

"5. Takes note of the conclusions of the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992, specifically paragraphs 36 to 39 of the Final Document on political issues concerning the Mediterranean";

(b) In operative paragraph 13, the phrase "to undertake a study that would explore means" was replaced by "to submit a report on means".

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.46/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including its resolution 46/42 of 6 December 1991,

Reaffirming the primary role of the Mediterranean countries in strengthening and promoting peace, security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region,

Recognizing the efforts realized so far and the determination of the Mediterranean countries to intensify the process of dialogue and consultations with a view to resolving the problems existing in the Mediterranean region and eliminating the causes of tension and the consequent threat to peace and security,

Recognizing also the indivisible character of security in the Mediterranean and that the enhancement of cooperation among Mediterranean countries with a view to promoting the economic and social development of all peoples of the region will contribute significantly to stability, peace and security in the region,

Recognizing further that prospects for closer Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in all spheres can be enhanced by positive developments world wide, particularly in Europe,

Expressing satisfaction at the growing awareness of the need for joint efforts by all Mediterranean countries so as to strengthen economic, social, cultural and environmental cooperation in the Mediterranean region,

Reaffirming the responsibility of all States to contribute to the stability and prosperity of the Mediterranean region and their commitment to respect the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

Expressing its concern at the persistent tension and continuing military activities in parts of the Mediterranean that hinder efforts to strengthen security and cooperation in the region,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on this item, 2/

1. Reaffirms that security in the Mediterranean is closely linked to European security as well as to international peace and security;

2. Expresses satisfaction at the continuing efforts by Mediterranean countries to contribute actively to the elimination of all causes of tension in the region and to the promotion of just and lasting solutions to the persistent problems of the region through peaceful means, thus ensuring the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and respecting the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all countries of the Mediterranean and the right of peoples to self-determination, and therefore calls for full adherence to the principles of non-interference, non-intervention, non-use of force or threat of use of force and the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, in accordance with the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

3. Welcomes the efforts by the Mediterranean countries in the continuation of initiatives and negotiations as well as the adoption of measures that will promote confidence- and security-building as well as disarmament in the Mediterranean region, and encourages them to pursue these efforts further;

4. Recognizes that the elimination of the economic and social disparities in levels of development as well as other obstacles in the Mediterranean area will contribute to enhancing peace, security and cooperation among Mediterranean countries;

5. Takes note of the conclusions of the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992, 3/ specifically paragraphs 36 to 39 of the Final Document on political issues concerning the Mediterranean;

6. Recalls the decisions taken by the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Western Mediterranean Countries, held at Algiers in October 1991, and the decision concerning the forthcoming summit meeting of the Western Mediterranean countries to be held at Tunis;

7. Takes note of the Helsinki Document, "The Challenges of Change", adopted in July 1992, whereby the heads of State or Government of the States

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2/ A/47/524.

3/ See A/47/675-S/24816, annex.

participating in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe agreed, inter alia, to widen their cooperation and enlarge their dialogue with the non-participating Mediterranean States as a means to promote social and economic development thereby enhancing stability in the region, in order to narrow the prosperity gap between Europe and its Mediterranean neighbours and protect the Mediterranean ecosystems;

8. Takes note also of the Declaration of the European Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community on relations between Europe and the Maghreb, 4/ issued at Lisbon on 25 June 1992;

9. Welcomes in this context the decision to convene a Mediterranean seminar of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe under the auspices of the Committee of Senior Officials to consider various topics, including the environment, demographic trends or economic development and other areas of bilateral and multilateral cooperation between States participating in the Conference and non-participating Mediterranean States, reflecting the general framework of principles of cooperation in the Mediterranean region as provided for in the Final Act and other documents of the Conference;

10. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendations of the first Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean, 5/ held at Malaga, Spain, from 15 to 20 June 1992, which, inter alia, launched a pragmatic process of cooperation that would gradually gain in strength and coverage, generate a positive and irreversible momentum and facilitate the settlement of disputes;

11. Encourages the continued widespread support among Mediterranean countries for the convening of a conference on security and cooperation in the Mediterranean, as well as the ongoing regional consultations to create the appropriate conditions for its convening;

12. Takes note of the adoption by the Economic Commission for Europe of its decision G (47), entitled "Economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe", and, in this context, calls upon the Executive Secretaries of the relevant United Nations regional commissions as well as other United Nations bodies concerned to strengthen their cooperation on matters that are of common interest to the Mediterranean countries and that will have a positive impact on the region as a whole, in particular in the economic, social, humanitarian and environmental spheres;

4/ A/47/310, annex.

5/ A/C.1/47/8, annex.

13. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on means to strengthen security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region".

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE

Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jerzy ZALESKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 46/49 of 9 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 October 1992, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 49 to 65, 68 and 142; and 67 and 69. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and 21st meetings, from 12 to 28 October (see A/C.1/47/PV.3-21). Consideration of draft resolutions on those items took place between the 22nd and 30th meetings, from 29 October to 11 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.22-30). Action on draft resolutions on those items took place between the 31st and 40th meetings, from 12 to 25 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.31-40).

4. In connection with item 68, the First Committee had before it the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean. 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/47/29).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/47/L.31 AND REV.1

5. On 30 October, Indonesia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, submitted a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace" (A/C.1/47/L.31), which was introduced by the representative of Sri Lanka at the 32nd meeting, on 12 November.

6. Also on 12 November, the sponsors submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1), which contained the following change: operative paragraph 6, which had read:

> "6. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to hold a session during 1993, with a duration of ten working days and with the possibility of holding another session of five working days, if necessary"

was revised to read:

> "6. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to hold a session during 1993, with a duration of not more than ten working days".

7. In connection with draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1, the Secretary-General submitted a statement on its programme budget implications (A/C.1/47/L.49).

8. At the 34th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 98 to 3, with 31 abstentions (see para. 9). The voting was as follows: 2/

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian

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2/ Subsequently, the delegation of Kenya indicated that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution, and the delegation of Spain indicated that it had intended to abstain.

Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

Against: France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

9. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, contained in its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, and recalling also its resolution 46/49 of 9 December 1991 and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the report on the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean held in July 1979, 3/

Recalling further paragraphs 15 and 16, chapter III, of the Final Document adopted by the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992, 4/

Affirming the importance of the establishment of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace to achieve the goals contained in the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and as considered at the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean held in July 1979,

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3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45 and corrigendum (A/34/45 and Corr.1).

4/ See A/47/675-S/24816, annex.

Welcoming the positive developments in international political relations, which offer opportunities for enhancing peace, security and cooperation, and expressing the hope that the new spirit of international cooperation will be reflected in the establishment of a zone of peace in the Indian Ocean and in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean to that end,

Having considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, 5/

Noting with appreciation the offer made by the Government of Sri Lanka to host the United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo,

Noting also that it may not be possible to convene the first stage of the United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean in accordance with resolution 46/49 and urging that consideration be given to the timing of such a conference at Colombo at the appropriate time,

Desirous of continuing its efforts for the establishment of a zone of peace in the Indian Ocean,

Considering the need for new alternative approaches for the establishment of a zone of peace in the Indian Ocean,

1. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean; 5/

2. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to consider new alternative approaches leading to the achievement of the goals contained in the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and as considered at the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean held in July 1979, taking into account the changing international situation;

3. Also requests the Ad Hoc Committee to address the complex ramifications of the issues involved and differing perceptions on these issues as well as the future role of the Ad Hoc Committee and to make recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

4. Decides to convene, as early as possible thereafter, the Conference at Colombo with the participation of the permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users of the Indian Ocean;

5. Calls upon the permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users of the Indian Ocean to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/47/29).

6. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to hold a session during 1993, with a duration of not more than ten working days;

7. Also requests the Ad Hoc Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace".

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jerzy ZALESKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with its decision 46/414 of 6 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 October 1992, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 49 to 65, 68 and 142; and 67 and 69. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and 21st meetings, from 12 to 28 October (see A/C.1/47/PV.3-21). Consideration of draft resolutions on those items took place between the 22nd and 30th meetings, from 29 October to 11 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.22-30). Action on draft resolutions on items 67 and 69 took place at the 37th meeting, on 20 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.37).

4. In connection with item 69, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (A/47/505 and Add.1);

(b) Letter dated 24 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/56);

(c) Letter dated 26 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/57);

(d) Letter dated 24 December 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/58);

(e) Letter dated 27 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/60-S/23329);

(f) Letter dated 30 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/64);

(g) Letter dated 23 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/67);

(h) Letter dated 8 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/68-S/23398);

(i) Letter dated 9 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/70);

(j) Letter dated 13 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/71);

(k) Letter dated 17 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/72);

(l) Letter dated 21 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/73);

(m) Letter dated 22 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/74);

(n) Letter dated 20 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/75);

(o) Letter dated 3 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/81);

(p) Letter dated 30 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Colombo Declaration issued at the Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 21 December 1991 (A/47/82-S/23512);

(q) Letter dated 6 February 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the documents adopted by the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference, held at Dakar from 9 to 11 December 1991 (A/47/88-S/23563);

(r) Letter dated 11 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the concluding documents of the Second Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held at Prague on 30 and 31 January 1992 (A/47/89-S/23576);

(s) Letter dated 19 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/94);

(t) Letter dated 26 February 1992 from the the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/96-S/23645);

(u) Letter dated 19 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/97);

(v) Letter dated 24 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/98);

(w) Letter dated 24 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/99);

(x) Letter dated 26 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/110);

(y) Letter dated 13 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/122-S/23716);

(z) Letter dated 17 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/124-S/23726);

(aa) Letter dated 17 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/125-S/23727);

(bb) Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/126);

(cc) Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Portugal and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/127);

(dd) Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/128-S/23737);

(ee) Letter dated 24 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/133);

(ff) Letter dated 25 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/135);

(gg) Letter dated 26 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/136-S/23758);

(hh) Letter dated 30 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/138);

(ii) Letter dated 10 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/153-S/23804);

(jj) Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/156);

(kk) Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/157);

(ll) Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/158);

(mm) Letter dated 15 April 1992 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/160-S/23814);

(nn) Letter dated 16 April 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/162-S/23816);

(oo) Letter dated 16 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/163);

(pp) Letter dated 20 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/165-S/23823);

(qq) Letter dated 13 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/166);

(rr) Letter dated 13 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/167);

(ss) Letter dated 21 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/170);

(tt) Letter dated 22 April 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/171-S/23832);

(uu) Letter dated 21 April 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Hungary and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/172);

(vv) Letter dated 20 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/176);

(ww) Letter dated 20 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/177);

(xx) Letter dated 5 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/201-S/23876);

(yy) Letter dated 6 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/205);

(zz) Letter dated 6 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/206);

(aaa) Letter dated 7 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/208);

(bbb) Letter dated 10 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/211-S/23962 and Corr.1);

(ccc) Letter dated 12 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/213);

(ddd) Letter dated 20 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/218);

(eee) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/221-S/23994);

(fff) Letter dated 21 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/223);

(ggg) Letter dated 20 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/224);

(hhh) Letter dated 25 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/226-S/24001);

(iii) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/227);

(jjj) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/228);

(kkk) Letter dated 27 May 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Lithuania and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/233);

(lll) Letter dated 27 May 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/234-S/24028);

(mmm) Letter dated 26 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/239);

(nnn) Letter dated 2 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/254);

(ooo) Letter dated 5 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/258-S/24073);

(ppp) Letter dated 5 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/260);

(qqq) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Poland and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/267);

(rrr) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/268);

(sss) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/269-S/24093);

(ttt) Letter dated 12 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/274);

(uuu) Note verbale dated 15 June 1992 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/275-S/24105);

(vvv) Letter dated 22 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/282);

(www) Letter dated 23 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/284-S/24182);

(xxx) Letter dated 26 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/286-S/24198);

(yyy) Letter dated 26 June 1992 from the representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/290-S/24204);

(zzz) Letter dated 29 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/292-S/24208);

(aaaa) Letter dated 29 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/295);

(bbbb) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/300);

(cccc) Letter dated 1 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/306-S/24224);

(dddd) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/311);

(eeee) Letter dated 9 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/318-S/24260);

(ffff) Letter dated 14 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/333);

(gggg) Letter dated 16 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/335-S/24306);

(hhhh) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/350-S/24356);

(iiii) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Joint Communiqué of the Twenty-fifth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, issued at Manila on 22 July 1992 (A/47/351-S/24357);

(jjjj) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a declaration on the South China Sea issued by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers at Manila on 22 July 1992 (A/47/357-S/24368);

(kkkk) Letter dated 29 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the "Helsinki Document 1992 - The Challenges of Change" agreed upon at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held at Helsinki on 9 and 10 July 1992 (A/47/361-S/24370);

(llll) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/372-S/24420);

(mmmm) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/375-S/24429);

(nnnn) Letter dated 13 August 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/376-S/24441);

(oooo) Letter dated 14 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/380);

(pppp) Letter dated 13 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/382-S/24449);

(qqqq) Letter dated 17 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/392-S/24461);

(rrrr) Letter dated 4 September 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/421-S/24526);

(ssss) Letter dated 14 September 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/448-S/24565);

(tttt) Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/497-S/24612);

(uuuu) Letter dated 6 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/47/516);

(vvvv) Letter dated 19 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/557-S/24681);

(wwww) Letter dated 20 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/561-S/24690 and Corr.1);

(xxxx) Letter dated 21 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/570-S/24698);

(yyyy) Letter dated 20 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/571-S/24702);

(zzzz) Letter dated 21 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/572-S/24704);

(aaaaa) Letter dated 24 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/577-S/24711 and Corr.1);

(bbbbb) Letter dated 23 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/579-S/24712);

(ccccc) Letter dated 27 October 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/602-S/24727);

(ddddd) Letter dated 29 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/603-S/24733);

(eeeee) Letter dated 2 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/622-S/24754);

(fffff) Letter dated 4 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/633-S/24762);

(ggggg) Letter dated 4 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/634-S/24763);

(hhhhh) Letter dated 4 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/641-S/24778);

(iiiii) Letter dated 9 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/642-S/24780);

(jjjjj) Letter dated 6 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/643-S/24781);

(kkkkk) Letter dated 12 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/663-S/24801);

(lllll) Letter dated 11 November 1992 from the First Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/664-S/24802);

(mmmmm) Letter dated 12 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/665-S/24803);

(nnnnn) Letter dated 16 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/671-S/24814);

(ooooo) Letter dated 26 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/732-S/24860);

(ppppp) Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/47/3);

(qqqqq) Letter dated 15 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/47/6).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45 and Rev.1

5. On 12 November 1992, Algeria, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Viet Nam and Zambia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Review of the

implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" (A/C.1/47/L.45).

6. On 17 November, Indonesia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1), which was introduced by its representative at the 37th meeting, on 20 November. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1 contained the following changes:

(a) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "over the persistence of conflicts", were revised to read "over the persistence of tensions and conflicts";

(b) The beginning of operative paragraph 4, which had read:

"4. Calls upon all States to refrain from the use or threat of use of force, intervention, interference, aggression, foreign occupation and domination or measures of",

was revised to read:

"4. Calls upon all States to refrain from the use or threat of use of force, aggression, intervention, interference, all forms of terrorism, suppression, foreign occupation and colonial or alien domination or measures of";

(c) The beginning of operative paragraph 5, which had read:

"5. Recognizes the validity of the concepts, among others, of confidence-building measures",

was revised to read:

"5. Recognizes, among other things, the validity of the concepts of confidence-building measures";

(d) The beginning of operative paragraph 6, which had read:

"6. Calls for regional dialogues to promote security, economic",

was revised to read:

"6. Calls for regional dialogues, where appropriate, to promote security and economic";

(e) In operative paragraph 8, the phrase "the responsibility of the United Nations", was revised to read "the fundamental role of the United Nations";

(f) Operative paragraph 11, which had read:

"11. Considers that respect for and promotion of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as the recognition of the inalienable rights of peoples to self-determination and independence will strengthen international peace and security",

was revised to read:

"11. Considers that respect for and promotion of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the recognition of the inalienable right of peoples to self-determination and independence, will strengthen international peace and security, and reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation and their inalienable right to self-determination and independence".

7. At the 37th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Indonesia orally revised draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 4, after the words "foreign occupation", the words "and colonial or alien domination" were deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 11, after the words "struggle of peoples under", the words "colonial or alien domination or" were deleted.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 88 to 1, with 40 abstentions (see para. 12, draft resolution A). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

B. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.47 and Rev.1

9. On 13 November, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America submitted a draft resolution entitled "Maintenance of International Security" (A/C.1/47/L.47), which was later also sponsored by Czechoslovakia and Turkey.

10. On 19 November, the sponsors submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/47/L.47/Rev.1), which was later also sponsored by Albania, Croatia, Malta and Poland. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of the Russian Federation at the 37th meeting, on 20 November, and contained the following changes:

(a) The first and second preambular paragraphs, which had read:

"Recalling its relevant resolutions, as well as the decision 46/414 of 6 December 1991,

"Recognizing that the 1970 Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (2734/XXV) reflected the realities of its time in the area of international security",

were deleted;

(b) The beginning of the original fifth preambular paragraph, now the third preambular paragraph, which had read:

"Noting with appreciation ideas and proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report entitled 'An Agenda for Peace', in particular those dealing with",

was revised to read:

"Noting with appreciation that the Secretary-General submitted ideas and proposals in his report entitled 'An Agenda for Peace', in particular dealing with";

(c) The beginning of operative paragraph 2, which had read:

"2. Invites all Member States to provide their views on further consideration of these questions, duly taking into account appropriate provisions",

was revised to read:

"2. Invites all Member States to provide their views on further consideration of the question of maintenance of international security, taking into account, inter alia, appropriate provisions".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.47/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 56 to none, with 67 abstentions (see para. 12, draft resolution B). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

12. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

A

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970 on the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, as well as all its resolutions on the review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,

Bearing in mind the final documents of the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992, 1/

Expressing its firm belief that disarmament, the relaxation of international tension, respect for international law and for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, especially the principles of the sovereign equality of States and the peaceful settlement of disputes and the injunction to refrain from the use or threat of use of force in international relations, respect for the right to self-determination and national independence, economic and social development, the eradication of all forms of domination and respect for basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the need for preserving the environment, are closely related and provide the basis for an enduring and stable universal peace and security,

Welcoming the recent positive changes in the international landscape, characterized by the end of the cold war, the relaxation of tensions on the global level and the emergence of a new spirit governing relations among nations,

Welcoming also the wide-ranging dialogue between the Russian Federation and the United States of America, with its positive effects on world developments, and expressing its hope that these developments will lead to the renunciation of strategic doctrines based on the use of nuclear weapons and to the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, thereby making a real contribution to global security,

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1/ A/47/675-S/24816, annex.

Expressing the hope that the positive trends that started in Europe, where a new system of security and cooperation is being built through the process of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, will continue and will encourage similar trends in other parts of the world,

Expressing at the same time its serious concern over the persistence of tensions and conflicts and the emergence of new threats to international peace and security and its support for all efforts towards a peaceful and just resolution of hotbeds of crisis in the world, including further military disengagement,

Stressing the need for the strengthening of international security through disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament leading up to the elimination of all nuclear weapons, and restraints on the qualitative and quantitative escalation of the arms race,

Stressing also the growing importance of the relationship between disarmament and development in current international relations,

Recognizing that peace and security are dependent on socio-economic factors as well as on political and military elements,

Also recognizing that the right and responsibility for making the world safe for all should be shared by all,

Stressing that the United Nations is the fundamental instrument for regulating international relations and resolving global problems for the maintenance and effective promotion of peace and security, disarmament and social and economic development,

1. Reaffirms the continuing validity of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and calls upon all States to contribute effectively to its implementation;

2. Reaffirms also that all States must respect, in their international relations, the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Emphasizes that, until an enduring and stable universal peace based on a comprehensive, viable and readily implementable structure of international security is established, peace, the achievement of disarmament and the settlement of disputes by peaceful means continue to be the first and foremost task of the international community;

4. Calls upon all States to refrain from the use or threat of use of force, aggression, intervention, interference, all forms of terrorism, suppression, foreign occupation or measures of political and economic coercion that violate the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and security of other States, as well as the permanent sovereignty of peoples over their natural resources;

5. Recognizes, among other things, the validity of the concepts of confidence-building measures, particularly in regions of high tension, balanced security at lower levels of armaments and armed forces, as well as the elimination of destabilizing military capabilities and imbalances;

6. Calls for regional dialogues, where appropriate, to promote security and economic, environmental, social and cultural cooperation, taking into account the particular characteristics of each region;

7. Stresses the importance of global and regional approaches to disarmament, which should be pursued simultaneously to promote regional and international peace and security;

8. Reaffirms the fundamental role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security, and expresses the hope that it will continue to address all threats to international peace and security in accordance with the Charter;

9. Urges all States to take further immediate steps aimed at promoting and using effectively the system of collective security as envisaged in the Charter, as well as halting effectively the arms race with the aim of achieving general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

10. Stresses the urgent need for more balanced development of the world economy and for redressing the current asymmetry and inequality in economic and technological development between the developed and developing countries, which are basic prerequisites for the strengthening of international peace and security;

11. Considers that respect for and promotion of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the recognition of the inalienable right of peoples to self-determination and independence, will strengthen international peace and security, and reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under foreign occupation and their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

12. Reaffirms that the democratization of international relations is an imperative necessity, and stresses its belief that the United Nations offers the best framework for the promotion of this goal;

13. Invites Member States to submit their views on the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, particularly in the light of recent positive developments in the global political and security climate, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the basis of the replies received;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

B

Maintenance of international security

The General Assembly,

Noting that, with the end of the era of the cold war and of bipolar confrontation, the United Nations faces new tasks in the areas of maintaining international peace and security and achieving social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Aspiring to promote a greater convergence of views among Member States as to the priorities of the United Nations in shaping a more stable international order,

Noting with appreciation that the Secretary-General submitted ideas and proposals in his report entitled "An Agenda for Peace", 2/ in particular dealing with strengthening and enhancement of the effectiveness, within the framework and in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, of the United Nations potential in the area of preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping and post-conflict peace-building,

Noting also the ideas and proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era", 3/

1. Decides to continue consideration of the question of maintenance of international security, taking into account new international realities and new tasks before the United Nations in the area of strengthening collective efforts to maintain international peace and security;

2. Invites all Member States to provide their views on further consideration of the question of maintenance of international security, taking into account, inter alia, appropriate provisions of the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace" and "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a relevant report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session an item entitled "Maintenance of international security".

2/ A/47/277-S/24111.

3/ A/C.1/47/7.